Big Business lobbyists real killers of economy—Neri

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PNP starts enforcing Comelec's gun ban

By Christine V. Avendaño and Cynthia D. Balana

THE PHILIPPINE National Police yesterday declared a heightened alert status in Metro Manila as it began enforcing the gun ban declared by the Commission on Elections.

Director Avelino Razon, chief of the PNP directorate for operations, said all

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Misa de Gallo starts

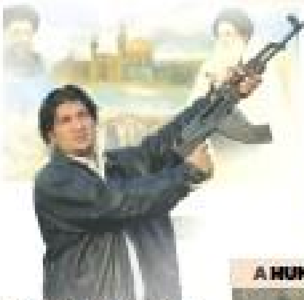
CHURCH bells will start ringing at 4 a.m. today to signal the start of the longest Christmas season in the world, through the traditional dawn Mass.

A Spanish friar was said to have started the Misa de Gallo (literally "Mass of the Rooster") in the 16th century as thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. The Mass was so timed as to allow farmers to go to work after the ceremony.

The priest also wears the end of the nine-day novena to coincide with the "noche buena" celebration during Christ-

MISA/A12

Saddam open to negotiations



A FOLLOWER of radical Iraqi Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr shoots in the air as he celebrates the capture of Saddam Hussein. AFP

World cheers but asks: What's next?

SINGAPORE—Supporters and opponents of the war in Iraq welcomed the capture of Saddam Hussein but questions about the way forward colored the jubilation, with several nations looking for an early end to the US-led occupation.

France, Russia and Germany, all fierce opponents of the US-led war to oust Saddam, hailed the arrest of the deposed Iraqi leader in an underground hideout.

But many Palestinians, who saw Saddam as a hero, reacted with disbelief and gloom. A leader of the militant Hamas group chided the capture as insult to Arabs and Muslims, and predicted that the United States would pay a high price for its action.

In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, a man awaiting execution for last year's Bali bombings that killed 202 people said Islamic militants would continue to fight the United States.

"Even if 1,000 Saddam Husseins were arrested it would not weaken our struggle," Ali Ghufron shouted to reporters as he left a court on the resort island.

Asian stocks jumped, gold and bonds

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A HUMILIATING END FOR IRAQ'S ONCE-PROUD DICTATOR



THIS SERIES of photos, released Sunday, shows where Saddam Hussein was arrested during a raid near his hometown of Tikrit, in northern Iraq. The images were provided by US military sources. Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division arrested Saddam on Saturday. AP PHOTO/US ARMY

US officials want info on ongoing insurgency

ADWAR, Iraq—"My name is Saddam Hussein," the fallen Iraqi leader told US troops in English as they pulled him out of a dank hole that had become his home. "I am the president of Iraq and I want to negotiate."

US soldiers replied: "Regards from President Bush."

The exchange—recounted by Maj. Bryan Reed, operations officer for the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, one day after the announcement of Saddam's capture—suggested the Iraqi leader would be willing to tell US intelligence everything he knows. Of the most immediate importance would be any information on the insurgency responsible for the deaths of nearly 200 American soldiers.

On Monday, however, two car bombings near police stations killed at least eight people and shattered hopes Saddam's capture would bring a quick end to the violence.

US President George W. Bush had warned attacks would continue as experts pored over documents found with Saddam and his interrogation got under way.

Saddam's exact whereabouts were unclear. US officials said Saddam had been moved to a secret location. The Dubai-based Arab TV station Al-Arabiya said Saddam had been taken to Qatar.

Saddam would likely be tried for war crimes by a new Iraqi tribunal. More immediately, the Americans made clear Saddam faces intensive interrogation—foremost, to find out what he knows about the ongoing rebellion against the US-led occupation and later, about any weapons of mass destruction his regime may have had.

The former dictator was captured late Saturday by US Special Forces along with the 4th Infantry Division in a man-

SADDAM/A15

GMA wants hero's burial for Ka Blas

By Juliet L. Javellana and Michael Lim Ubac

A HERO'S burial.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has conveyed to the family of the late Foreign Secretary Blas Ople her plan to give the man everyone called "Ka Blas" a state funeral at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, the national heroes' cemetery. Ople's family initially wanted to bury him in his hometown of Hagonoy, Bulacan.

Issuing Proclamation No. 514 from Bahrain, where she was visiting, Ms Macapagal declared Dec. 15 until 21 a "national state of mourning," and ordered flags in all government buildings here and abroad to be flown at half-staff.

Ms Macapagal asked the Armed Forces to give Ople a state funeral at the Libingan "if the Ople family so desires."

In the Senate, where Ople

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Business lobbyists killing economy—Neri

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Following the lead of resigned Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, the government's chief economist yesterday admitted that the 2004 presidential elections could be the bane of the country's economy.

The unexpected 4.4-percent improvement in the third quarter gross domestic product (GDP) has not been able to mitigate the national budget deficit, said Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri.

But this time, Neri is blaming big tobacco and alcohol industry interests whose influence in key national elections has scared off politicians from pushing financial reform measures that would have cured the government's uncontrollable deficit.

Neri said the same "vicious cycle" of "booty capitalism" would

LOBBYISTS/A6



PRESIDENT Macapagal accepts a golden gift from King Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa of Bahrain during a state dinner held at Sakhir Royal Palace in Manama.

Gloria: Meeting OFWs part of job

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday defended her meeting with overseas Filipino voters as part of her job as the head of government.

"In all my foreign trips for the past two and a half years, I have always met up with our OFWs (overseas Filipino workers) and embraced them because they represent the goodness, greatness and excellence of our people," the President said in a statement.

Ms Macapagal was reacting to reports that her brief stopover in Hong Kong, where she shook hands with and handed out raffle prizes to Filipinos, appeared she was campaigning for a full presidential term in next year's elections ahead of the authorized period.

Ms Macapagal invoked the Christmas season for her Hong Kong visit en route to her state visit to Bahrain.

She arrived in Manama on Sunday to a red-carpet

GLORIA/A2



Salve Bush beats FPJ to the draw

By Martin P. Marfil

OWN listed his occupation as "wealth." Another claimed she maintains relations with US President George W. Bush. A third promised a million pesos each for people without jobs.

The political circus, er, election period, officially

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WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

Stop NPA poll tax, GMA orders AFP

Malacañang eyes amnesty for rebels



ALL FOR ONE.

Magdalo arraignments postponed: judge sick; military court challenged



Top gov't lawyer raises doubt on reinvestigation of Nur case

Pimentel asks FPJ, Lacson to lay cards on the table

Infighting among Poe backers bared

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Indian priest dies in Laguna

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Palace says Malaysians can interrogate Robot

AFP

Local political rivalries threaten to undermine Lakas machinery

By Carlito Pablo

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US woman setting up K-9 squads for rescue

Stay cool, Fujian flu not new to Filipinos–DOH

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Black at DFA



THE CASKET bearing the remains of Foreign Secretary Blas Ople arrives at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on Sunday night.

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Diversion

No rest for tracksters

TAULAVA IS MVP

Go's Army seeks Olympic berths

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THERE will be no luxury of a lull for the victorious mainstays of the national track and field squad.

The tracksters, the Philippines' most productive source of gold medals in the just-ended 22nd Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam are set to plunge into action again, with an eye on clinching slots in next year's Athens Olympics.

Athletics chief Go Teng Kok yesterday said the athletes would soon go into deep training to try to meet the stringent criteria for Olympic participation.

The president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association also said he was not satisfied with the SEAG performance of his wards, even though the Philippines wound up second to Thailand in athletics.

The Thais plucked 11 golds, five more than the Filipinos' harvest. Vietnam and Malaysia took on surprise victories in the last two days of the competition to match RP's golden haul.

Go earlier predicted the tracksters would win as many as 12 golds. But a disastrous penultimate day of competition saw four golds—which the heavily favored Filipino bets were expected to put away—slip off their grasp in the din of the Vietnamese offensive in Hanoi's main stadium.



HOME ARE THE HEROES. Members of the Philippine delegation to the 22nd SEAG show off their medals after jetting in from Vietnam Sunday night. RICHARD A. REYES

Defending decathlon champion Fidel Gallenero skidded for 4th, John Lozada and Eduardo Buenavista surrendered the gold in the 800 meters and 5,000m, respectively, and the fancied 4x400 squad got played by the unheralded Thais.

Still, Go said factors beyond their control, including training problems, affected the athletes' performance.

"There were many things that hindered us from reaching our target," he said.

All told, tracksters were next to athletes in gold medal production with six, followed by taekwondo with five and boxing with four.

Tams, Eagles eye title playoff

TODAY'S GAMES
(RIZAL COLISEUM)
2:30 p.m. — St. Francis vs FEU
4:30 p.m. — Ateneo vs SSC

DEFENDING UAAP champion Far Eastern and runner-up Ateneo take on separate rivals today in the semifinals of the Champions League basketball tournament at the Rizal Coliseum.

The Tamaraws, conquerors of NCAA titlist Letran Knights and CESAFI champ Las Piñas College in the earlier rounds, collide with NCRAA and UCAA kingpin St. Francis of Assisi at 2:30 p.m.

Hoping to end the year with a bang, the Eagles match up with NCAA runner-up San Sebastian College Stags in the 4:30 p.m. second game.

The Tamaraws are expected to encounter stiff resistance from the Doves, who are led by 6-8 team mainstays Randolf de Ocampo and Ervin Sotto.

"St. Francis is a strong team and I'm aware that they are aching for revenge," said FEU coach Koy Banal.

The Tamaraws eased the Doves in the quarterfinals of last year's tournament.

After that loss, however, the Doves haven't tasted a defeat, completing a 16-game sweep of the NCRAA and bowling all pretenders in the UCAA for the second straight season.

Both Ateneo and SSC failed to defend their crowns in their respective leagues despite starting the season as heavy favorites.

The Eagles are slight favorites to prevail with Nadal, Rich Alvarez and Wesley Gonzales back in the fold.

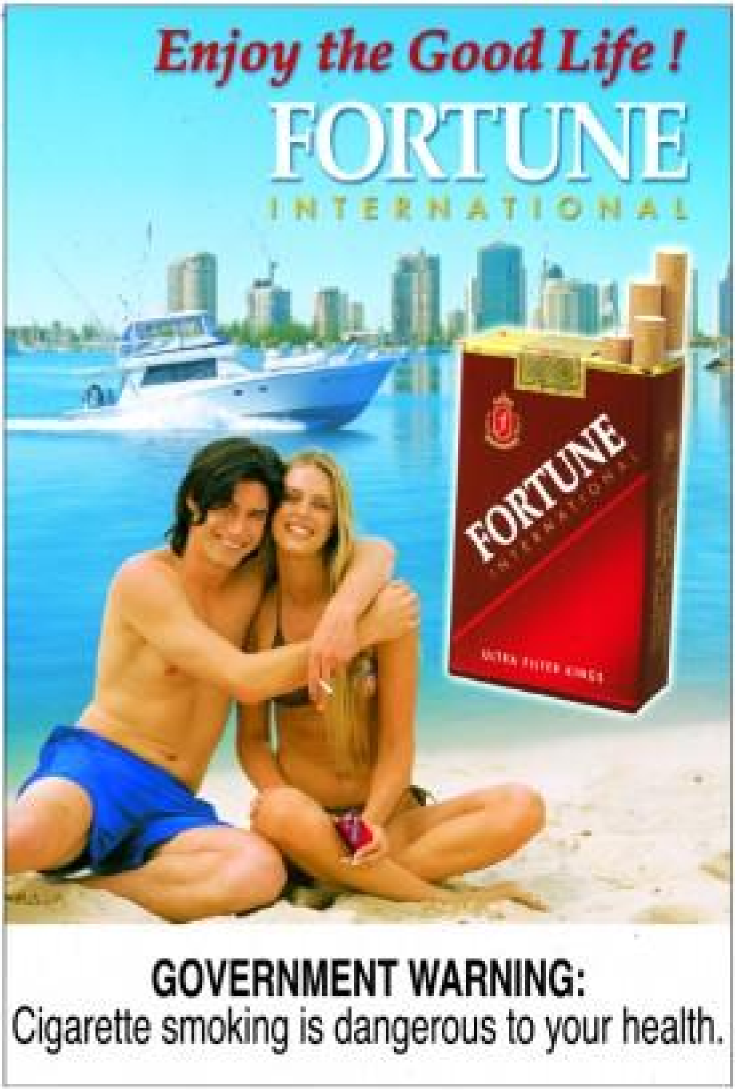
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Saddam's capture gives Bush needed poll boost



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'Nice Christmas': US cheers Saddam's fall



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HK ex-finance chief in 'Lexus' mess home free

Pakistan president escapes assassination try

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan—Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf narrowly escaped an assassination attempt on Sunday when a bomb exploded just seconds after his motorcade had passed by.

"It was certainly a terrorist act and, certainly, it was me who was targeted," the military leader told reporters shortly after the attack.

Musharraf said the blast hit a bridge "just half a minute or one minute" after his motorcade passed it.

He had just returned from the southern city of Karachi, and the explosion occurred two km from Islamabad International Airport near the neighboring northern city of Rawalpindi, where the military has its headquarters.

Musharraf incensed Pakistani Islamic militant groups by ditching support for the Afghan Taliban and siding with the US declared war on terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States in 2001.



MUSHARRAF

Militants have been convicted for a previous attempt on the president's life.

"I have been saying that the greatest danger to our nation is not external, it is internal," he said.

"It comes from religious and sectarian extremism, and this is a typical example of that," he said, adding, "we have to fight all these people with all our might."

Police cordoned off the area, and were searching the site along with soldiers. A Reuters photographer said he could see a large crater in the road.

The blast came on the same day that Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri arrived in Pakistan on a three-day visit during which she is expected to sign an anti-terrorism pact.

Musharraf is a key ally in the US-led war on terror and enjoys sweeping political powers in the nation.

He has led a nationwide hunt for al-Qaida suspects that has netted hundreds of guerrillas, many of whom have been handed over to US custody.

They include Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks caught in Rawalpindi earlier this year.

The hunt goes on for al-Qaida mastermind Osama bin Laden, believed by some to be along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Western diplomats, political commentators and businessmen agree that Pakistan would be left in a vulnerable position were Musharraf to be removed from power.

"The main worry I have about Pakistan is that there is no one who can take his place," a leading businessman in Karachi said earlier this week. *Reuters*

WorldBriefs

EU constitution fiasco

BRUSSELS— [illegible] *AFP*

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LEO AWARDS

Asi is PBA's best for 2003

ASI Taulava rode a wave of votes from mediamen and fellow players to become the PBA's 2003 Most Valuable Player, the highest honor given out in last night's Leo Awards at the Music Museum in Greenhills, San Juan.



Asi Taulava is first foreign-born player after Ricardo Brown in 1985 to win MVP plum.

Shineway, Lhuillier seal title clash

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Vietnam example

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WINNERS' GALLERY: X Games 2003 gold medalist Takeshi Yasutoko of Japan

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9 kidnap suspects slain in clashes



Army exec says communist rebs human rights violators, too

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OFW remittances surge to $6.3B

By Clarissa S. Batino

DOLLAR inflow from more than seven million overseas workers has reached $6.326 billion as of October, up by 5.7 percent from $5.996 billion a year ago despite a 10-percent contraction in the number of Filipinos who left for employment abroad this year.

For October alone, dollar remittances stood at $675 million, up by 11 percent from $607 million a year ago and higher by 13.3 percent from the previous month's $[illegible] million, documents from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed.

"Once again, our global workers have delivered to make up for the shortfall in foreign direct investments, portfolio investments, and even exports," BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said in an interview.

The BSP chief said he was confident that Filipino workers' remittances would hit the targeted growth of 6 percent to $7.6 billion by year's end and that the level would hit the $8-billion mark by the end of 2004.

Overseas workers' remittances not only help stabilize the peso by providing a steady supply of dollars in the spot market but also prop up the domestic economy through consumption and investments, Buenaventura said.

"We hope our OFWs would sustain the trend and continue to perk up consumption by way of spending for housing and education as well as investments in small and medium businesses," Buenaventura added.

Dollar remittances are expected to peak in November and December as Filipinos abroad send money to their families for the seasonal Christmas spending.

The BSP chief said that despite the contraction in the level of deployment, particularly among land-based workers, the quality of Filipinos who left had offset the slowdown.

He said more Filipinos left for higher-paying employment offshore like professionals and service workers to cushion the drop in actual number of OFWs.

The number of deployed land-based workers dropped by 13.3 percent to 530,507 as of October while the level of sea-based workers grew by 1.5 percent to 170,[illegible]. The number of new hires and re-hires as of October was 9.9 percent lower from the previous year at 698,[illegible].

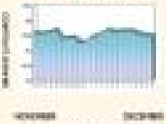
The labor department is targeting to deploy a million Filipinos to overseas this year. In 2002, the POEA said the level of freshly hired and re-hired reached 891,908 versus 867,599 the year

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Markets celebrate Saddam capture

ASIAN stocks jumped, bonds fell and the dollar rose yesterday as markets celebrated the capture of Saddam Hussein, but any gains were expected to be fleeting as investors worried about global security and US deficits. Story on page B5.

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P 55.48 = $1
As of 4 p.m., Dec. 15, 2003

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Stocks rise on Saddam news, PLDT leads

STOCKS rose to their highest level since May 10 yesterday after the capture of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein eased worries about global security and inspired follow-through buying in blue chips.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), the nation's largest phone firm, was the most active stock and rose P20 or 2.37 percent to P[illegible].

Globe Telecom Inc., PLDT's closest rival, also topped the table of net gainers by adding P20 or 3.[illegible] percent to P[illegible].

"Local investors anticipated the run-up in New York given the Saddam news we saw," said Jose [illegible], managing director of financial management firm First Grade Holdings Inc.

The benchmark closed 11.[illegible] points or 0.[illegible] percent higher at 1,[illegible] points. It is up 37 percent this year.

Gainers beat losers 21 to 18 and there were 22 stocks unchanged. Turnover fell to P[illegible] million from Friday's P[illegible] million.

Analysts said Saddam's capture would lead to a swifter end of US involvement in Iraq and decrease US military spending, which should be a plus for the American economy. The United States is the Philippines' largest trading partner.

"Fundamentally, investors are anticipating major companies to end 2003 with better earnings. If the Re[illegible] would be an indication," [illegible] said.

AB Capital research analyst Jose [illegible] said he expected the market to keep its positive bias and move within a range of 1,[illegible] to 1,[illegible] points in coming sessions. *Reuters*



It's Saddam big boost for Bush

MR. BEARBULL

Ben Nathan

11-month BOP surplus hits $185M

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Jobless rate eases to 10.1%

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Managing your Christmas calorie budget

Watch your food intake this season so you don't end up several pounds heavier

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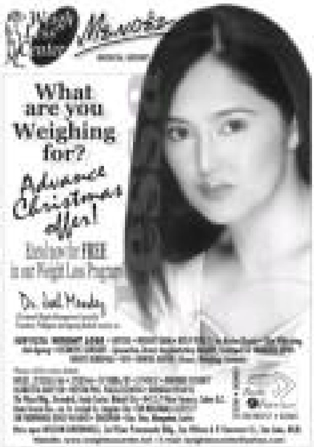
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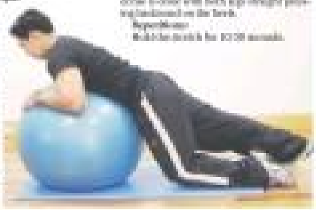
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Jaime T. Licauco



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Triple holiday treat



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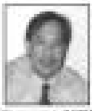
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THE ELEGANT facade of Raffles Hospital



THE LANDSCAPE Garden inside the hospital premises, where patients can enjoy fresh air and greenery

Hospital care, hotel comfort

Text and photos by Gilda Cadiz

Singapore's Raffles Hospital is one medical institution that tries hard not to feel like one

STEP into the curb in front of the cathre-marked building along Singapore's North Bridge Road and you are greeted by a bowing, broadly smiling uniformed doorman.

[illegible]



HOTEL lobby? Nope, it's Raffles Hospital's ultra-sleek foyer. Note the grand piano.

[illegible]

As hour or two inside this elegant building and you're bound to forget you're in Raffles Hospital, one of Singapore's premier medical institutions and a vanguard in the nation's thrust to transform itself into the leading medical and health care hub in Asia.

"We call ourselves a 'hospi-tel,' a combination of 'hospital' and 'hotel,'" says Liang Hwee Ying, manager for corporate communications of the Raffles Medical Group (RMG), the holding company that owns the hospital.

Raffles, a 21st century hospital with a distinguished reputation in oncology and cardiology, is the flagship facility of RMG.

The group has 60 medical facilities in Singapore alone, and four in Hong Kong. It serves more than 4,500 corporate clients, over a million patients each year, and employs over 1,000 employees and 130 staff physicians.

Its preeminence has earned it the exclusive [illegible]

Hospital care, hotel comfort



THE WAITING areas are awash in soft, restful colors and comfy chairs.

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Trailblazing

[illegible]



FINE curtains, carpeted floors and mood lighting in a typical room



THE ANTEROOM of a single-bed suite, done like an intimate den

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Trendy ambience

[illegible]

High profile

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CORRIDORS (above) and quiet corners are guest-friendly, with easy chairs, assorted magazines, even a colorful kiddie corner nearby (left).



Giving priority to corporate types and busy housewives does not come as a surprise, for the women know firsthand how stressful the lives of those people are



THE WOMEN behind IMG: (Seated, from left) Janys G. Mercupa, production expert; Joanna F. Jimenez, sales and customer service; (standing) Gilsey S. de Leon, treasurer; Ma. Teresa J. Mercupa, president; and Anzell R. Francisco, vice president

Enterprising housewives

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

FIVE women—bound by blood, friendship and affinity—have embarked on a bold new adventure that takes advantage of the growing popularity of aromatherapy and other de-stressing techniques.

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Cottage industry

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THE WHOLE range of Iamgreat products includes anti-stress spray of green tea and lavender, massage oil of coconut oil and lavender, hand-made soap, candles and scented oil.



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